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SUBJECT: AMHARIC PRESS AND RADIO ARTICLE CRITICAL
OF PRESISTENT US INFLUENCE AT ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY

1. ADDIS ZEMEN (AMHARIC DAILY NEWSPAPER) AND
AMHARIC RADIO BROADCAST CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE
WHICH CRITICIZES CONTINUING US INFLUENCE WITHIN
EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. THIS IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION.

BEGIN TEXT

FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY FORUM - THOSE BRAINWASHED
BY AMERICAN. "AF WE SEND TEACHERS TO FOREIGN
COUNTRIES AND GUIDE THEIR EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA
IN LINE WITH OURS AND ATTRACT THEM TO OUR CULTURE,
WE WILL HAVE MORE EFFECTIVE RESULTS THAN THE
MILITARY EFFORT WE MAKE TO TAKE OVER ONE COUNTRYZ
THIS WAS A PIECE OF ADVICE GIVEN TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
BY ONE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATOR.

IN THE PAST THIRTY YEARS, THE ADVISE GIVEN TO
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS BEEN APPLIED IN MANY THIRD
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WORLD COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ETHIOPIA. BEFORE 1944,
BRITISH HAD A BIG ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM
OF ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS. AFTER 1944,
BRITISH PASSED ON THEIR POSITIONS TO AMERICANS.
BECAUSE OF THIS, MANY AMERICAN EXPERTS, INCLUDING
CIA AGENTS, HELD POSITIONS IN VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE
POSTS. IN PARTICULAR, THE ADMINISTRATION OF HIGHER

INSTITUTIONS WAS ENTIRELY LEFT TO THEM. ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY, ALEMAYA AND JIMMA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND GONDAR HEALTH TRAINING COLLEGE WERE ALL UNDER AMERICAN CONTROL. WHEN STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM THESE COLLEGES, THEY WERE SENT TO AMERICA FOR FURTHER TRAINING TO REPLACE THE AMERICAN INSTRUCTORS. BUT MOST OF THE STUDENTS HAVE NOT RETURNED. GRADUATES FROM HIGHER INSTITUTIONS, OR THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM FURTHER TRAINING, REFLECT YANKEE CHARACTERISTICS IN THEIR LIFE-STYLES.

WHAT IS PRESENT SITUATION IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS? ALL AMERICAN INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF MEMBERS HAVE DEPARTED. BUT THE AMERICAN INFLUENCE THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED WITHIN PAST TWENTY YEARS HAS NOT LEFT THE UNIVERSITY YET.

1. MOST OF THE INSTRUCTORS AT THE UNIVERSITY REFLECT AMERICAN INFLUENCE.

2. THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION IS STILL THE ONE OUTLINED BY THE AMERICANS.

3. THE LIBRARY IS STILL FILLED WITH AMERICAN BOOKS.

4. INDIVIDUALS WHOM THE UNIVERSITY HAS TRAINED AT VERY UNCLASSIFIED

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HIGH EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS HAVE EITHER LEFT THE COUNTRY OR ARE EMPLOYED IN OTHER COMPANIES.

5. ARGUMENTS ON SALARY SCALES OF UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES ARE UNSOLVED.

6. FORMERLY, MANY REPORTS USED TO BE PUBLISHED ON VARIOUS RESEARCHES. THESE REPORTS ARE NOT TO BE SEEN NOW.

7. THE ATTEMPTS BY SOME AMERICAN-EDUCATED INSTRUCTORS TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY IS RIDICULED AND LABELED TO BE AN ATTEMPT GUIDED TOWARDS PROMOTION.

8. SOME OTHER UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTORS ARE DISCONTENTED BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN POST OF A MINISTER IN GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS.

MORAL DETERIORATION PREVAILS AMONG STUDENT BODY. STUDENTS ARE CONTINUALLY ENGAGED IN DRINKING, PROSTITUTION, READING OF OBSCENE AMERICAN LITERATURE,

IN DESTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY PROPERTY
AND THE TOTAL NEGLECT OF THEIR STUDIES. EVEN
THOUGH SOME OF THESE VICES ARE NOT DIRECTLY ADOPTED
FROM AMERICA, ALL OF THEM ARE DERIVED FROM THE
AMERICAN CULTURE WE HAVE ADOPTED.

THE ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ATTITUDES, INDIFFERENCE
AND LIBERALISM WHICH PREVAILS CURRENTLY AT THE
UNIVERSITY CLEARLY SHOWS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
ADVICE GIVEN TO THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT.

WE WILL EXPOSE EPRP, ELF AND OTHER ANTI-
REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS WHO PLOT AGAINST THE
ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE STUDENT BODY AND STAFF MEMBERS.
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WE ASK THEM TO EXPOST THEMSELVES FIRST.

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